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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Jeffrey J. Lace)
Serial No.: 10/053,440)
Filing Date: January 17, 2002)
For: SENSOR ASSEMBLY FOR STRINGED)
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS)

**PETITION UNDER
37 C.F.R. 1.10(d) TO ACCORD
FILING DATE**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Response to Request for Correct Filing Receipt dated December 31, 2002, the undersigned attorney petitions the Commissioner to accord the above-identified patent application a filing date of January 17, 2002. The pertinent facts are as follows:

1. On January 17, 2002, Applicant utilized the United States Post Office Pickup Service for Express Mail to file the above-identified patent application, which was a conversion of provisional application 60/262,218, filed January 17, 2001. As shown in Exhibit A, the date entered in the Pickup Service Statement is January 17, 2002, and the Express Mail Label number entered is EL830948020US.

2. On January 17, 2002, the undersigned attorney sent an express mailing certificate, and as shown in Exhibit B, the certificate is dated January 17, 2002 and the Express Mail Label number included is EL830948020US.

3. Subsequent to the events described in paragraphs 1 and 2, the United States Post Office sent the undersigned attorney the receipt for Express Mail Label number

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING: (37 C.F.R. 1.8) I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on March 10, 2004, by Daniel H. Bliss
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EL830948020US. As shown in Exhibit C, the date entered in the “date in” box is “January 18, 2002.”

4. The Application was accorded a filing date of January 18, 2002 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

5. On August 20, 2002, a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt was filed requesting that the filing receipt date be changed from January 18, 2002 to January 17, 2002.

6. On November 8, 2002, a Second Request for Corrected Filing Receipt was filed again requesting that the filing receipt date be changed from January 18, 2002 to January 17, 2002.

7. On December 31, 2002, a Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt was sent to the undersigned attorney explaining that a petition to accord a filing date should be submitted in order to change the filing date.

Accordingly, this Petition is being submitted to change the filing date from January 18, 2002 to January 17, 2002. Because the USPS Express Mail Pickup Service Statement is dated January 17, 2002 (Exhibit A), and this date is corroborated by the Express Mailing Certificate (Exhibit B), it is apparent that the date “January 18, 2002” was incorrectly entered in the “date in” box on the Express Mail mailing label by the United States Postal Service. Thus, the undersigned attorney requests that the petition be granted to allow continuity between the provisional application and the present application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 02-2712 for any fees which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

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Customer Service Statement for
Express Mail, Priority Mail, or Parcel Post

Customer Name and Address (No., Street, Ste. No., City, and State)

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3.

Express Mail

Quantity

Priority Mail

Quantity

Parcel Post

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Customer Design Agreement (CDA)

Account Number

5. Method of Payment

☒ Corporate Account
 No. 480669

☐ Federal Agency Account
 No. _____

☐ Meter Strip or Stamps
 (Apply fee in item 1 above)

6. Express Mail Label Numbers

No.	Express Mail Label Number	Item No.	No.	Express Mail Label Number	Item No.	No.	Express Mail Label Number
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EXPRESS MAILING CERTIFICATE

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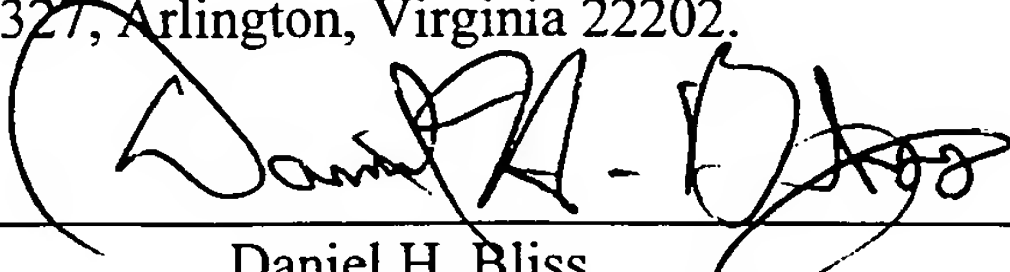
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